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Making ends meet

EXAM MENU

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Getting started

1 Match the clues below with their answers in the 'find a word' puzzle. Write them in the appropriate column.

- a someone who works all the time and hardly ever rests _____
- b someone who buys and uses goods _____
- c money owed _____
- d act of stealing someone's personal details in order to use them illegally _____
- e total amount of money spent during a particular period of time _____
- f process of buying and selling _____
- g someone whose job it is to check money spent and earned by a particular business _____
- h act of illegally using someone else's credit card to buy goods _____
- i management of money by governments and large organisations _____
- j buy shares in a property or organisation because you hope to make a profit _____

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N	H	M	E	P	R	S	F	L	J	Z	E	X	A	S
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R	L	U	E	R	U	T	I	D	N	E	P	X	E	X
T	I	S	S	Y	Y	J	X	I	B	R	E	S	D	Y
A	C	C	O	U	N	T	A	N	T	Z	M	E	Y	U

Reading: interpreting literature

SPOTLIGHT CHECKLIST

1 PAPER 1, PART 3 You are going to read an extract from a novel (on page 83). For questions 1–7, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

- 1 We can infer from the first two paragraphs that Marty
A is from a wealthy background.
B feels very confident about winning.
C has a strategy for playing the game.
D does not believe he is lucky.
- 2 In the second paragraph, the writer implies that Marty
A never listens to other people.
B is deep in concentration.
C has an arrogant attitude towards the host.
D doesn't like being on the show.
- 3 Before making his discovery, Marty seems to have considered the possibility that
A the game show host knew the flashing sequence on the board.
B the lights were programmed to flash around the board in a certain way.
C it would be easy to memorise how the sequence patterns worked.
D it would be difficult to win a large amount of money on the show.
- 4 Once he discovered the truth, Marty
A expected to be proved right in his suspicions.
B thought it would be easy to go on the show and win lots of money.
C knew that by playing clumsily, he would get caught.
D was certain he wouldn't get caught.
- 5 As he begins to play, Marty feels
A miserable.
B determined.
C over-confident.
D threatened.
- 6 The writer implies that Paul Thomas
A is amazed that Marty hasn't stopped playing.
B is angry at Marty's stupidity.
C believes Marty is bound to lose.
D believes Marty is cheating.
- 7 In the final paragraph, Marty
A wins over \$100,000.
B misses the Blooper.
C has regained control.
D beats the system.

PAPER 1, PART 3 Indirect meaning in literature

Remember:

- You're sometimes required to read an extract from a novel, or a short story in this part of the Reading Paper.
- In order to answer some of the multiple choice questions, it may be necessary to understand indirect meaning within the text. The stems of such questions sometimes read *'The writer implies in the second paragraph that ...'* or *'We can infer from the last paragraph that ...'*
- Literary extracts usually focus on characters' feelings and attitude towards the situation they are in.

Practise:

- reading unabridged short stories or novels, to get used to different literary styles;
- reading globally, to gain understanding of a text without needing to understand every single word;
- developing skills to infer underlying meaning in the text, particularly where attitude or feeling is not directly expressed.

2 Find a word or phrase in the extract which means the following:

- a the order in which something occurs [para 1]
- b turn around very fast [para 2]
- c a large amount of money [para 2]
- d without much meaning or importance [para 2]
- e without thinking [para 2]
- f supposedly true [para 3]
- g in no particular order [para 3]
- h possible future effect [para 3]
- i skilful [para 3]
- j unable to believe [para 5]
- k near disaster [para 6]
- l self control [para 7]



Spinning a fortune

'OK. This is it ... Now, don't blow it, just act cool ... Easy does it ...' Sweating slightly, Marty Lane wiped the palms of his hands against his cheap, supermarket trousers, as Paul Thomas, the game show host, turned his attention towards him. The atmosphere in the studio was tense, and Marty could feel everybody's eyes upon him. He struggled to focus. 'Concentrate, Marty, concentrate ... Think of your timing ... remember those sequences ... get ready now ...'

He barely noticed that Thomas was talking to him. 'So, Marty! At the end of round one, you're in third place, with only \$2500! You were pretty unlucky there, buddy, hitting that 'Bloopers' square on just your third go. But here's your chance now to make up some of that money. So, are you ready to ... 'Spin Your Fortune'? Marty placed his hand over the red button in front of him. 'Ready when you are, Paul!' he said, with a confidence he didn't really feel. The second round began with some inane questions from Thomas, which Marty answered mechanically, his mind fixed on the eighteen boxes with cash prizes hidden under them.

He went through the sequences again in his head. For six weeks, he had watched the game show, 'Spin Your Fortune', religiously videotaping every episode and playing it back, frame by frame, to see if the ostensibly random lights that flashed on different squares around the board were indeed random. He was amazed to discover they were in fact a series of sequence patterns. After contemplating this little gem of information for a while, and the implications of someone being able to memorise those sequence patterns, a plan began to form in his mind. He began to practise while watching the show, and soon became adept at pressing the button at just the right moment to land on a square with lots of money and an extra spin of the wheel. Marty needed to make sure that he got the extra spin, so he could keep playing. It worked!

That was it! He would go on the show, earn lots of money, and not only pay off all his debts, but come away rich! The TV company must never suspect him though, or they would stop the game. He'd have to plan his strategy carefully, perhaps play clumsily in the beginning, look like he was a sure loser ... Yes, that was it. If he played badly in the first round, and made sure he ended it in last place, then he would be the one to start the second round, where there was more money on the board. Marty spent ages working out exactly how he was going to play, until he was certain he was ready. It would be easy. He would go on the show and catch them unawares. So, he applied, and was booked.

Now, here he was, with a chance of making big money for the first time in his miserable life, and he wasn't going to waste it! He began to play, making sure to hit the small bucks square at first, until he got into his stride, and started raking in the large amounts. As his total rose above the \$25000 mark, Thomas became incredulous. He couldn't believe that Marty still wanted to carry on playing. Surely the guy knew that it was only a matter of time before he hit a Bloopers and lost it all? But Marty carried on, and kept landing on the money. \$40000, \$50000, \$60000 ... He was on a roll! The audience were going wild ... He'd already won more money than he'd ever had in his life!

The rush of adrenalin threatened to overwhelm him, and Marty began to falter. Suddenly, he could no longer focus, and started taking longer spins. 'C'mon! Don't lose it now ... Not yet, not yet ... now, no!... Steady ... Now!' Desperately, he pressed the button, and closed his eyes as he realised he'd missed the sequence. Luckily, he won some more money. He was out of the woods, but it had been a close shave, for the very next square had been a Bloopers. He might have lost over \$80000! Somewhat shaken and annoyed with himself, he quickly passed his remaining spins to one of the other contestants, and took a break to pull himself together.

So engrossed was he in regaining his composure, that he barely noticed his opponent hit a Bloopers. Before he knew it, it was his turn to play again. The atmosphere in the studio was electric. Marty had the chance to make over \$100000 and knew he was about to make game show history, for no one had managed to make so much money in one game before. If he succeeded, he would also be the first person to beat the system, but that would have to remain his secret. The wheel began to spin, and the studio fell silent. Marty watched the lights flash around the board. Could he do it? 'C'mon! 2 ... 4 ... 6 ... 3 ... 7 ... Careful! Not yet! Wait for it!... Now!' Marty pressed the button ...

